



TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council Extraordinary Meeting

**Part 1 of the Extraordinary meeting of
Takeley Parish Council
Held on 21st February 2022 at 7:30pm
At the Old School House**

Present - Cllrs: Geoff Bagnall (Vice Chair), Jim Backus, Tricia Barber, Pat Burnett, Sonia Carr, Jackie Cheetham, Dom Roque and Sue Sprules.

In attendance - Jackie Deane (Locum Clerk) and one member of the public.

Item	
	Cllr Bagnall welcomed everyone to the meeting, in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Pratt, who was unwell.
1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Pratt, Bodsworth, R Cheetham and Steer.
2	Declarations of Interest Personal, non-prejudicial interests were declared by Cllrs J Cheetham, Barber and Bagnall, for agenda item 6.
3	Public Forum Peter Hewett, as Chair of the Neighbourhood Steering Group, explained the significance of the impact on the Neighbourhood Plan, should the development gain consent. This would be a major breach of the Countryside Protection Zone, would harm the setting of ancient woodland, heritage buildings and ancient monument, all priorities for protection in a Neighbourhood Plan. A great deal of work and financial investment has gone into the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and, should this housing development go ahead, that work would be seriously impaired. Mr Hewett has also liaised closely with members of the residents' action group who he believed would be raising funds to contribute to Rule 6 action taken by the Parish Council to oppose the appeal.
4	Minutes of the Last Full Council Meeting It was agreed that the minutes of the last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be approved at the next Full Council Meeting.
5	Land at Warish Hall Farm Public Inquiry a) Cllr Bagnall, briefed and answered questions regarding the Public Inquiry process, assisted by the Locum Clerk. b) The resolution of the Full Council meeting held on 2nd February 2022 was noted: "RESOLVED in principle, for the parish council to apply for Rule 6 Status at a public inquiry on the Weston Homes appeal, subject to budgetary constraints. (Proposed Cllr Backus/Seconded Cllr Roque with abstentions from Cllrs Bagnall, J Cheetham, Barber, Bodsworth and Sprules).



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6	<p>Professional Fees for Rule 6 Representation at Public Inquiry</p> <p>a) Fee quotes from potential expert witnesses, an advocate and for work to support the Parish Council's case as a Rule 6 party. These were considered in principle, against an agreed budget allocation for professional fees and an additional sum of approximately £20,000 which would need to be allocated from the general reserve. It was noted that the community group would intend to make a financial contribution and neighbouring parish councils might wish to make a donation.</p> <p>b) RESOLVED to ratify the Parish Council's application to PINS for Rule 6 Status at the public inquiry and to give the Locum Clerk delegated authority to appoint the relevant specialist consultants and a barrister, within a budget of £50,000. (Cllrs Bagnall/Burnett – the vote was unanimous)</p>
7.	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>The next Full Council meeting is due to take place on 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm.</p>
Part 2	
Exclusion of Public and Press - Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.	
RESOLVED to enter Part 2 of the meeting at 8.25pm (Cllrs Bagnall/J Cheetham).	

Members discussed arrangements for paying the Locum Clerk overtime for the additional duties in supporting the Rule 6 case.

RESOLVED to pay the Locum Clerk 10 hours overtime for February and for reasonable overtime to be agreed by Cllr Bagnall for subsequent months, as required.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed by the Chairman

Date